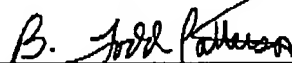


### REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Advisory Action dated November 18, 2004, which followed the response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2004.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-20, 22-27, 29, 30, 38-44, 46-52, 54-61, 63-75, 84-91 and 102-112 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-4, 6-21, 23-29, 31-41, 43-49, 51-58, and 60-107 have been cancelled by Applicants without prejudice. Claims 5, 22, 30, 42, 50, 59 and 108-112 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for issuance. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



---

B. Todd Patterson  
Registration No. 37,960  
MOSER, PATTERSON & SHERIDAN, L.L.P.  
3040 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1500  
Houston, TX 77056  
Telephone: (713) 623-4844  
Facsimile: (713) 623-4846  
Attorney for Applicant(s)